LPG

1984-85	9.68
1985-86 (upto 31-1-1986)	8.42
1-2-86 to 5-2-86	6.84
1986-87 (6-2-86 to 18-1-87)	7.39
19-1-87 onwards	10.82

KEROSENE

1984-85 (upto 16-3-85)	4.26
1984-85 (17-3-85 to 25-3-85)	3.70
1985-86 (26-3-85 to 31-1-86)	3.84
(1-2-86 to 5-2-86)	3.42
1986-87 (6-2-86 to date)	3.58

Production of Crude in Tanjore District

1584. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the daily production of crude oil from Narimanam and Kovilkallapal in Tanjore district; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for exploratory drilling of new oil wells in the Cauvery basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Average 36 tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Manufacture of Sub-standard Clinical Thermometer

1585. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large-scale manufacture and marketing of sub-standard and spurious clinical thermometers in the country;

(b) if so, what is the existing control exercised by Government on the manufacture of clinical thermometers according to ISI specifications and whether there is any check with regard to their quality and specifications by the Weight and Measures Department; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring the instrument under the purview of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and to make ISI certification compulsory for the manufacture thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No specific complaint regarding the manufacture of sub-standard and spurious Clinical Thermometers has been received.

(b) and (c) Manufacture of Clinical Therometers is reserved for the Small Scale Sector. Indian Standard Specification for Clinical Thermometers has been published but the scheme is not mandatory. The existing Weights and Measures Enforcement Act of the States are in the process of being replaced by the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985.

Complaints of Unremunerative Orders accepted by Units of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.

1586. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been complaints of unremunerative orders being accepted by some units of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Federation to the Officers Association of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd., in their memorandum dated 4th July, 1987 has mentioned about acceptance of orders at un-

remunerative prices specifically in respect of wagons, cranes and bogies for Milk Van.

(b) As regards wagon orders, the prices are fixed by the Railway Board and are applicable to all Wagon Builders including those in the private sector. The bogies for milk van is a new diversified item and the current price at which orders are placed on Burn Standard Co. Ltd., is Rs. 3.40 lakhs per bogie, which is considered satisfactory. The cranes are a highly competitive product and the orders are procured at the best possible competitive prices.

Task force for Revival of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited

1587. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a demand for setting up a task force for the revival of units under the Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited; and

(b) if so, what Government propose to do to revive the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A task force comprising of selected officers from various constituents has been set up under the CMD, Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited to work out project reports for modernisation of manufacturing facilities and introduction of new products.

Norms for Appointing Agents for Maruti Udyog Ltd.

1588. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for appointment of agents of Maruti Udyog Limited;

(b) whether all the appointments of their agents made by Maruti Udyog Limited are strictly as per the norms or any exception is made; and if so the details of such exceptions and the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of agents appointed by Maruti Udyog Limited during the last two years in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra; and

(d) whether Government have received any complaints about the irregularities in the appointments of agents by Maruti Udyog Limited; if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The main criteria for appointing dealers is the ability of the party to:—

(i) provide a standard of customer service in accordance with Maruti Udyog's *policies;*

(ii) maximise the market; and

(iii) project and develop the highest possible image of the company.

Dealers are appointed by the Board of Maruti Udyog Ltd. on the basis of applications received in response to open advertisement and evaluation of their capability by the company.

(c) The following agents have been appointed by Maruti Udyog Ltd. in the last two years in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra:—

1. M|s. Sai Service Station Private Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra.
2. M|s. Automotive Manufacturers Ltd., Nagpur, Maharashtra.
3. M|s. Rama Automobiles, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
4. M|s. Seva Automotive Pvt. Ltd., Nasik, Maharashtra.
5. M|s. Sai Service Station Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
6. M|s. Kiran Motors Pvt. Ltd., Vadodra, Gujarat.
7. M|s. Kiran Motors Pvt. Ltd., Surat, Gujarat.
8. M|s. Cargo Motors (Gujarat) Pvt. Ltd., Rajkot, Gujarat.